



## **DX bulletin 194**

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## **DX news**

### **Recognition for DX-World**

Col, MM0NDX says:

Last weekend I attended the 20th GMDX Convention in Stirling, Scotland and was thrilled to receive the prestigious Jack Wylie trophy from the Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB) in recognition of DX-World.net (and my independent IOTA activities).

### **Introducing DX buster**

After months of rigorous testing, the Amateur Radio Experimenters Group Inc is pleased to announce the beta version of our new ***DX Buster(tm)***! is nearly ready for initial release. What is it you might ask? Well, it is designed to help you to break through pile-ups during DX Contests and DXpeditions, ensuring your signal is the one heard clear and true, first time, every-time!

<http://dx-world.net/introducing-the-dx-buster/>

### **Midway and Kure are now deleted DXCC entities**

Midway and Kure Islands have been placed on the list of DXCC deleted entities, effective August 26, 2016. This came about as an unintended consequence of action last summer by then-President Barack Obama that expanded the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument to include the northwestern Hawaiian Islands west of Ni'ihau Island, making it the largest contiguous protected conservation area under the US flag.

<http://www.arrrl.org/news/midway-and-kure-islands-are-now-deleted-dxcc-entities>

### **VK9MAV Marion Reef postponed**

**OC-267 Marion Reef** Andrey, VK5MAV will be QRV as VK9MAV end May –June 2017. QSL via Club Log OQRS, RN3RQ via bureau and LoTW.

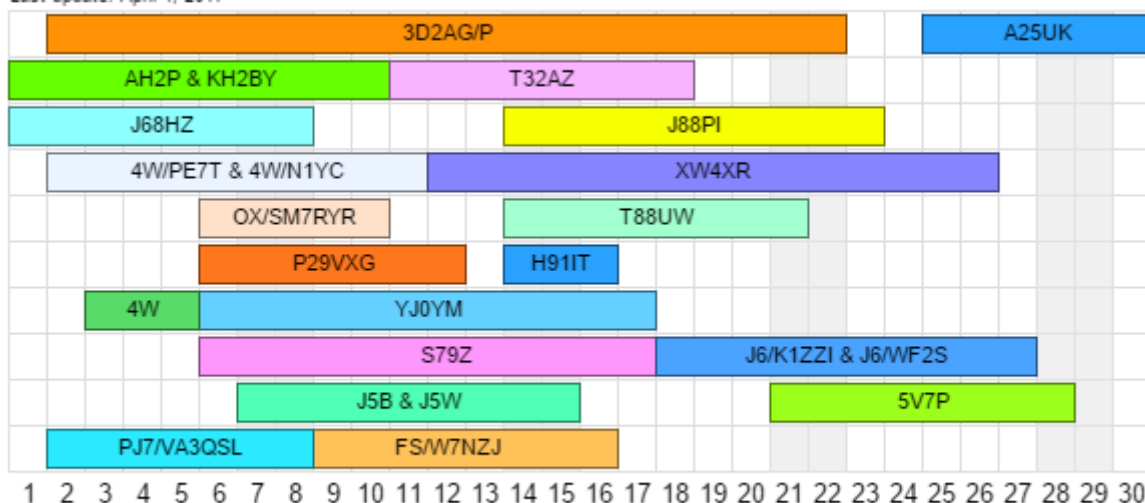
<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc267>

**NEWS UPDATE** — Whitsundays region has been devastated by Category 4 cyclone Debbie – winds up to 270 km/h, extremely high tide and up to 500 mm of rain in an hour – few days ago. Airlie Beach where Norval boat had been moored, doesn't have power, water, mobile coverage as well as many and many suburbs/villages/sites around. Very limited supply of food. Many houses (including Airlie Beach marina) have been partly or totally destroyed. Just make a search for "Airlie Beach Debbie" on internet.

<http://dx-world.net/vk9mav-marion-reefdiamond-islets-oc-267/>


# DX Timeline by **WORLD**.net

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 IK8LOV Max Laconca

## **DXCC**

### **This week on HF**

**3D2, ROTUMA** Look for 3D2AG/p until April 22. More news will be posted on Antoine's QRZ page! Coverage will be 160 to 6m, including 60m (5 MHz). There will be NO internet while on the island.

**4S, SRI LANKA** Look for Vlad, UA4WHX as 4S7VBG. No official word on how long he will be QRV. Check QRZ.com for updates.

**4W, TIMOR LESTE** Wilbert PE7T and James 9V1YC are once again active as 4W/PE7T and 4W/N1YC until April 11. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL for 4W/PE7T via PE7T and LoTW, for 4W/N1YC via W5UE, LoTW.

**5H, TANZANIA** Maurizio, IK2GZU is operating as 5H3MB until April 12. Operation during his spare time. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

**6Y, JAMAICA** Helmut, DJ7CF is QRV as 6Y5/call until April 28. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and PSK31. QSL via home call.

**8P, BARBADOS** Dick, G3RWL is active as 8P6DR until April 20. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW and RTTY. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW or via home call.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Michael, VK6ZOA is active as 8Q7MJ until May 28. Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

**CE0Y, EASTER ISLAND** Eliot, W1MJ is operating as CE0Y/call until April 6. Activity from 40 to 15 meter. QSL via home call.

**EA6, BALEARIC ISL** Jean-Marc, F5SGI will be operating as EA6/call from Menorca. Activity between April 9 and April 15. Operation on HF using CW only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**FS, ST MARTIN** Paul, W7NZJ will once again be active as FS/call from April 7 until April 16. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW and digital modes. QSL via eqsl.

**HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN** Members of the PI4RAZ Radio Club are QRV until April 8 as HB0/PA2HGJ, HB0/PA2RDK, HB0/PA3CNO, HB0/PA3DFR, HB0/PA3HK, HB0/PE0MGB and HB0/PE1FLO. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via PE1FLO.

**J2, DJIBOUTI** Dane, S53T is operating as J28ND until end 2019. Operation using homemade verticals. QSL via S57DX.

**J6, ST LUCIA** Bill, K9HZ is again operating as J68HZ until April 8. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via LoTW, OQRS Club Log.

**JW, SVALBARD** Kamil, SQ8KFH is active as JW/call while working at the Polish Polar Station in Hornsund. Operation until May 20 on 20 meter using SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call and LoTW.

**KH2, GUAM** Tony, EA5BY is QRV as KH2BY until April 10. Activity from 80 to 6 meter. QSL via home call, OQRS and LoTW.

**KH2, GUAM** Santos EA4AK and Tony EA5BY are operating as AH2P and KH2BY until April 10. Efforts will be made on the bands/nodes that are needed most. QSL via LoTW, OQRS Club Log. <https://dxquam2017.ure.es/>

**KH6, HAWAII** Nobu, JA0JHQ will be active as AH0C/KH6 from April 7 until April 9. Activity from 80 to 15 meter. QSL via home call, bureau or direct, LoTW, logsearch on Club Log.

**OX, GREENLAND** Roger, SM7RYR will be operating as OX/call from April 6 until April 10. Activity on 20, 17 and 15 meter. QSL via LoTW.

**PJ7, ST MAARTEN** Jeff, VA3QSL is once again operating as PJ7/call until April 8. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**S7, SEYCHELLES** Operators OK1FFU, OK1JKT, OK1NY, OK1RI, OK1VVT and OM5AW will be operating as S79Z from April 6 until April 18. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via OM2FY, LoTW.

**T2, TUVALU** Tim, NL8F is active as T2TT until April 13. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and JT65. QSL via N7RO.

**T32, EAST KIRIBATI** Ken, KH6QJ will be active as T32AZ from April 11 until April 18. Activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

**V7, MARSHALL ISL** Haru, JA1XGI is once again QRV as V73XG until April 13. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

**VP2M, MONTSERRAT** Steve, JS6TMW is active as VP2MKX until April 7. Operation on 20, 17 and 15 meter using CW QRP. QSL only via EQSL.

**VQ9, DIEGO GARCIA** Jim, ND9M is active again as VQ96JC, license is valid until July, but he will try and get VQ917JC, as he has used "year-specific special calls every year starting in 2007". Plans are to be QRV for about three hours during his evenings, as he has to commute between his ship and his operating location on the island, then set up and break down each time. He operates mainly CW, with some SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call.

**YJ, VANUATU** Chung, VA7YM will be operating as YJ0YM from April 6 until April 17. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via EA5GL and LoTW.

## Coming up soon

**GD, ISLE OF MAN** The Barry ARS will be QRV as GT4BRS from April 15 until April 22. They aim to be QRV on CW, SSB, RTTY, JT65. Also planned is Top Band and Special efforts on 5Mhz to West Coast of USA (CW & JT65 & SSB) to give all time new one on 60 metres. QSL via DJ6OI.

**J6, ST LUCIA** Ralph K1ZZI and Stephen WF2S will be operating as J6/calls from April 18 until April 27. Operation on HF. QSL via homecalls, LoTW.

**J8, GRENADINES** Brian, GW4DVB will once again be operating as J88PI from April 14 until April 23. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using mainly SSB. QSL via home call. [http://www.g4dvyb.co.uk/#!\\_dx-expedition](http://www.g4dvyb.co.uk/#!_dx-expedition)

**PJ4, BONAIRE** Gordon, G3USR will be operating in 'holiday-style' as PJ4/call during mid-April. Activity on HF. QSL via home call, direct.

**T8, PALAU** Ichy, JH7IPR will again be operating as T88UW between April 14 and April 21. Focus will be on 6 meter and digital modes. QSL via home call, bureau or direct, LoTW and logsearch on Club Log.

**V5, NAMIBIA** Stefan, HB9JAB will be QRV during his spare time as V51/HB9JAB from April 18 until May 8. QSL via LoTW.

## QSL preview



## IOTA

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### **This week on HF**

**AF-020 Rubane Isl** Josep EA3BT and Nuria EA3WL will be operating as J5B and J5W between April 7 and April 15. Activity from 40 to 6 meter (maybe 80) using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL for both calls via EA3BT.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF020>

**AS-071 Arakamchechen Isl** The Russian Robinson Club is announcing an IOTA DXpedition to AS-071 as R71RRC, operation from April 7 until April 17 on 40, 30, 20 and 17 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via UA3AKO, OQRS, direct or bureau.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS071>

<http://www.r71rrc.ru/en/>

**EU-038 Texel Isl** Hans, PA7HPH is operating as PF38T until April 7. QSL via home call.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU038>



**EU-048 Houat Isl** Members of the Charente DX Group will be active from April 8 until April 14 as TM2H. QSL via ON4ZD. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU048>

**EU-063 Hopen Isl** Erik, LA2US is operating as JW2US until June. Operation around the IOTA frequencies using CW during his spare time. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU063>

**OC-008 New Britain Isl** Haru, JA1XGI will be active as P29VXG between April 6 and April 12. Operation using mainly CW and digital modes. Focus on working Europe on JT65. QSL via home call, LoTW, logsearch Club Log. <http://island.geocities.jp/P29vacation/>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC008>

**OC-130 Mindanao Isl** Marc, ON5SM is once again operating as DU9/call until May 24. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using SSB, digital and SSTV. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC130>

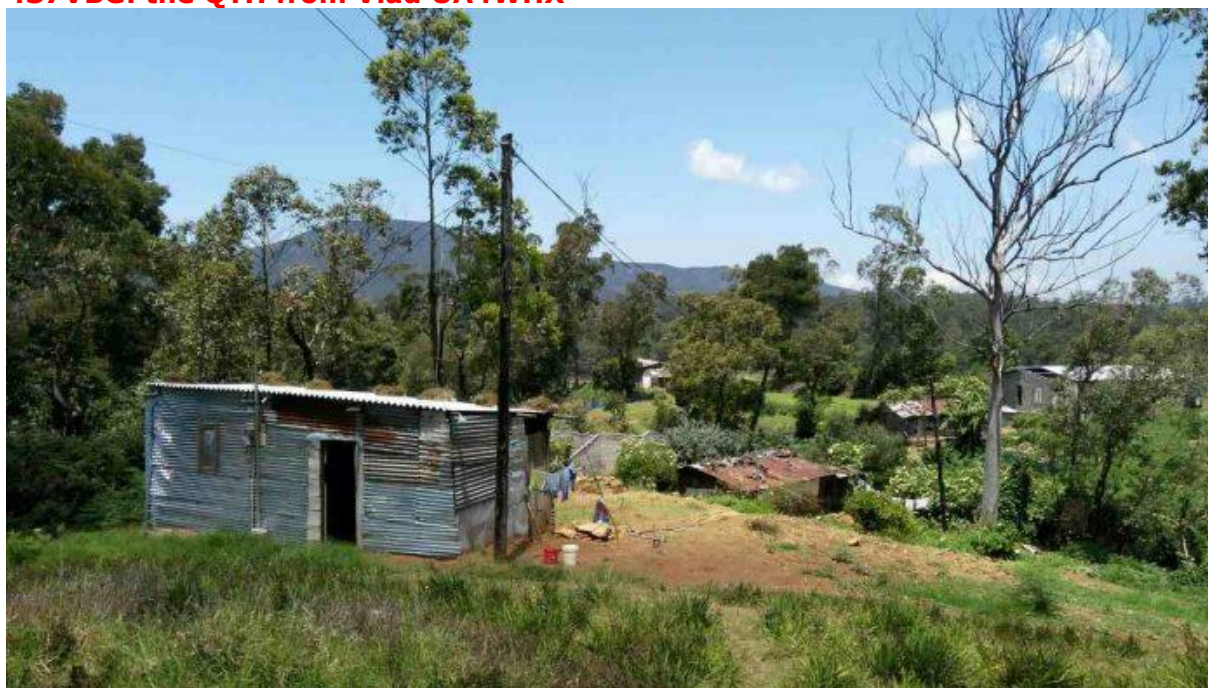
## Coming up soon

**EU-010 Barra Isl** Dave, GM0LVI will be QRV as call/P from April 16 until April 22. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU010>

**NA-072 Taboga Isl** HP1MAC and HP1RIS will be operating as H91IT during April 14-16. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via HP1RCP Radio Club de Panama. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA072>

## On the scene

**4S7VBG: the QTH from Vlad UA4WHX**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Announced DX

#### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**5V, TOGO** Operators OK1FCJ and OK6DJ will be operating as 5V7P from April 21 until April 28. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via OK6DJ, OQRS and LoTW.

**JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA** Take, JG8NAJ will once again be QRV as call/JD1 from mid-May until mid-July. Operation during his spare time. Activity on HF using CW and RTTY. QSL via JA8CJY.

**VK9C, COCOS KEELING ISLAND** Keith GM4YXI and Chris GM3WOJ are once again QRV from October 23 until November 6. Operation as VK9CZ (pending). This operation follows immediately after the VK9CI DXpedition. More to follow.

**VK9M, MACQUARIE ISL** John, VK3YP has announced planning has commenced for a DXpedition to Macquarie Island (#9 on Club Log most wanted DXCC) in early 2018 with a total of 5 VK operators. More details to follow as we get closer to the date.

## **THE REMINDERS**

**3B7, AGALEGA and ST BRANDON** Seb, F5UFX announces 'after our successful dxpeditions to tromelin (ft4ta) and juan de nova (ft4ja), we are very happy to announce our new project. our team will be active from saint brandon island 3B7 in October 2017 for a two weeks operation. more details to follow soon!'

**3W, VIETNAM** Peter, DF7DQ will be operating as 3W9DQ from May 1 until May 10. Operation on HF. QSL via home call, Club Log.

**3Y, BOUVET ISL** A large team led by Bob K4UEE, Erling LA6VM and Ralph K0IR will be operating from the most remote place on earth. The DXpedition is taking place early 2018. <http://www.dx-world.net/3y0z-bouvet-2018/>  
<http://www.bouvetdx.org/>

**9M2, WEST MALAYSIA** Rich, PA0RRS will once again be QRV as 9M2MRS between December 1 and January 30, 2018. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW, OQRS and logsearch on Club Log.

**9X, RWANDA** Harald, DF2WO will again be active as 9X2AW between November 15 and November 30. QSL via M0OXO.

**A2, BOTSWANA** Alex, IW5ELA will be active as A25AL in September 2017. More to follow.

**A2, BOTSWANA** A large team led by Nobby G0VJG will be QRV as A25UK from April 25 until May 6. Operation with 5 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via M0OXO. <http://www.a25uk.com/>

**D4, CAPE VERDE** Harald, DF2WO will once again be operating in 'holiday-style' as D44TWO from May 3 until June 8. Activity from 40 to 10 meter. QSL via M0OXO.

**E4, PALESTINE** Members of the True DXing Group with SP9FIG, SQ9CNN and SQ9D will be QRV as E44WE early spring 2017. QSL via SP9FIH, Club Log OQRS. <http://www.e4.dxpeditons.org/>

**E5, SOUTH COOKS** Doug W6HB and Bruce AD7MM will once again be QRV as E51DLD and as E51BAS between April 28 and May 12. Activity from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via home call.

**ER, MOLDOVA** Members of the Beskidzki's ARC will be active as ER0PL from April 23 until April 28. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via SP9KAT, direct or bureau, logsearch on Club Log.

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Reiner, DL2AAZ will be QRV in 'holiday-style' as FG/call between May 22 and June 7. Operation from 30 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

**FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA** Max, IZ2ZTQ will be QRV as FO/call between May 1 and July 31. Operation with green power on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 meter using SSB, PSK, RTTY and JT65. He will visit:

- Marquesas Island – Fatu Hiva – IOTA: OC-027
- Tuamotu Archipelago – Rangiroa – IOTA: OC-066
- Leeward Society Islands – Bora Bora – IOTA: OC-067
- Windward Society Islands – Tahiti – IOTA: OC-046

See <https://www.qrz.com/lookup/fo/iz2ztq> for updates. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

**FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON** Look once again for FP/KV1J between July 4 and July 18. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using mostly SSB and RTTY with some CW. QSL via LoTW. <http://www.kv1j.com/fp/July17.html>

**H40, TEMOTU PROVINCE** Stan, LZ1GC will once again be QRV as H40GC between October 3 and October 17. Operation on all bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW. <http://www.c21gc.com/>

**HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN** Members from Stirling District ARS and GMDX group will be operating as HB0/GM4UYE from June 1 until June 6. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. Whilst looking to give people an ATNO, ANY MONEY RAISED WILL BE DONATED to Yorkhill Children's Charity / Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity, Scotland. QSL via M00XO, OQRS.

**HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL** Tim, LW9EOC will be operating as HC8/call in either April or May. Dates to be confirmed. Activity from 160 to 6 meter with focus on the WARC bands. QSL via home call.

**HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL** Look for G8OFQ, KG0YL, VK2BXE and WB2REM will be operating as HD8M between September 14 and September 21. Activity from 160 to 6 meter. QSL via WB2REM, Club Log OQRS.

**OJ0, MARKET REEF** A Belgian team from ON4RSX ARC with ON5TQ, ON6QO, ON2KMJ and ON8VP will be operating as OJ0V from July 1 until July 7. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via ON5TC.

**PJ5, SABA & ST EUSTATIUS**

**PJ6, SABA & ST EUSTATIUS**

**PJ7, ST MAARTEN**

Frank, PH2M will be QRV between May 19 and June 4. More to follow.

**PJ7, SINT MAARTEN** LU1FM, LU2CJW, LU3FMD, LU4FBU and LU9FHF will be active as PJ7T between October 24 and November 4. QRV on HF. QSL via LU1FM, LoTW.

**PY0T, TRINDADE & MARTIM VAZ ISLAND** A DXpedition is planned during 2018. More to follow.

**S9, SAO TOME & PRINCIPE** Jose, EA5IDQ will be operating as S9CW from October 12 until October 21. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call.

**T30, WESTERN KIRIBATI** Chris, VK3FY will be active as T30T from Tarawa, Kiribati. Activity in December, dates to be announced. QSL via M00XO, OQRS.

**T8, PALAU** Japanese operators JM1LIG/T88FM, JL1HYH/T88HY, JO3LVG/T88MK, JI6NCY/T88NC, JA6UBY/T88RR and JH6DUL/T88VV will be active between June 16 and June 23. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via homecalls.

**V4, ST KITTS & NEVIS** Rich KE1B and Anna W6NN will be operating as V4/calls between July 1 and July 9. Operation from 40 to 10 meter. QSL via homecalls.

**VK9C, COCOS KEELING ISLAND**

**VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND**

Chris VK3FY, Lee VK3GK, Tony VK3TZ and others will be active as VK9XI from Christmas and as VK9CI from Cocos Keeling Isl.

-Christmas Isl from October 2 until October 10

-Cocos Keeling Isl from October 10 until October 17

Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY with a focus on the low bands. QSL via M00XO, OQRS.

**VK9M, MELLISH REEF** Hawk SM5AQ and Rob N7QT are planning a DXpedition this November. Currently working to obtain landing rights and a VK0M callsign. A team of 8 operators will be QRV from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. More to follow.

**YJ, VANUATU** Look once again for YJ0GA from July 6 until July 13. Operation in 'holiday-style' with efforts to look for 20 and 30 meter for Western Europe. All QSL donations will be used to support the children at the Little Lights Preschool. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

**ZF, CAYMAN ISL** Al, KZ3AB will operate from Grand Cayman as ZF2AB from April 29 until May 6. Operation on HF. QSL via WA3EOP.

# Announced IOTA

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**NA-116 Chira Isl** Look for TE8DX between June 8 and June 12. Operators TI2CC, TI2JJF, TI2CDA, KM4HI and N3KS will be operating from 80 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via TI2CDA. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA116>

**OC-165 Satang Besar Isl** Dennis 9W8DEN, Allpa 9M8ADX and Aldrin 9M8WAT will be active as 9M8RC between April 29 and May 1. Operation on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc165>

## THE REMINDERS

**AF-094 Rachgoun Isl** The Algerian Amateur Radio Union is planning a trip to AF-094 with the call 7Y94I. More to follow. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF094>

**AF-108 Tigres Isl** A 8-man team will be operating the first half of June. The full planning is in stage. Website and full details to follow. This IOTA group has never been activated before. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF108>

**AS-022 Leont'yeva Isl** Yury R2DG, Vasily R7AA and Yevgeny UA6EX will be operating as RI0LI between July 24 and July 31. Activity is planned with 2 stations on 40, 30, 20 and 17 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log OQRS or R7AA direct or bureau.

<http://www.ri0li.com/>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS022>

**AS-039 Commander Isl** A group will be active during July-August 2017 as RI0Z. Commander Islands — an archipelago of four Islands in the South-Western part of the Bering sea of the Pacific ocean. The administrative part of the Aleut district of the Kamchatka Krai of Russia. The island is named after who discovered them in 1741, Explorer commander Vitus Bering.

In the team's plans included visiting the most remote Islands – Mednyj (Copper). Island remote from the American Aleutian Islands at a distance of 190 miles.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS039>

**AS-069 Iony Isl** A Russian Robinson Team with R7AL, RA1ZZ, RW5D and RK8A will be QRV as RI0C during the second half of July 2017. Operation on 40, 30, 20, 17, 15 and 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital mode. <http://www.iony2017.com/eng>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS069>

**EU-008 Isle of Mull** A team from Tynemouth ARC will be operating as GS0NWM from April 21 until April 28. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via M0URX, OQRS. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU008>

**EU-030 Bornholm Isl** Fred, SM7DAY will be QRV as OZ/call/P between May 3 and May 10. Activity on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via home call, direct or bureau. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU030>

**EU-128 Fehmarn Isl** Look for ON6ZV, ON6OM, ON7EG and ON4MW as DL/ON4IPA and DL/OO6P from June 17 until June 23. QSL via ON6ZV, direct or bureau. More on

<http://www.qsl.net/o/on6om//EU-128/>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=eu128>

**EU-137 Ven Isl** SA7G/7 will be active from June 4 until June 11. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW. QSL via SM6CUK, direct or bureau, LoTW.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU137>

**EU-190 Viktoriya Isl** The RI1F team (up to 12 ops) depart for the NEW IOTA on September 23, 2017. Depending on sea conditions, it should take approx 3-4 days to reach the island. QRV thereafter. [Bookmark](https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU190) for updates.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU190>

**NA-019 Kodiak Isl** Chris, VK3FY will be operating as KL7/call during July, dates to be announced. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA019>



**NA-079 Dry Tortugas** Nelson NE4LS and John KE4IDW will be operating as N4T between April 21 and April 24. Activity on HF using CW and SSB with low power. QSL via NE4LS. <https://www.rsqbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA079>

**NA-173 Charlton Isl** A team with VA2AMH, VE2MBT, VE2SSS, VE2WHZ and VE2YAG will be active as VY0/VA2NDX from July 28 until July 30. Operation on HF before and after the IOTA contest. QSL via F4BHW.

<https://www.rsqbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA173>

**OC-098 Pukapuka Atoll** Cezar, VE3LYC will attempt to be active between May 9 and May 23 as E51LYC. The OC-098 IOTA group was last on the air more than 22 years ago, and as such is in demand by 92% of the IOTA membership. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, OQRS.

<https://www.rsqbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC098>

<http://e51lyc.weebly.com/>

**OC-128 Palawan Isl** Dale, KE0BRZ will be operating in 'holiday-style' as DU1/call from August 18 until August 22. Operation mainly on 20 meter using SSB.

<https://www.rsqbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC128>

**OC-151 Flores Isl** Leo, YC9MLL will be QRV from Flores in July. Operation on 15 and 20 meter, maybe 40 meter. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

<https://www.rsqbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC151>

**OC-198 North Isl** Craig, VK5CE will be operating as call/8 from October 12 until October 16. This is a super rare IOTA. More on <https://oc198.wordpress.com/>

<https://www.rsqbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc198>

Craig mentions '*THIS WILL BE ONE OF MY MOST ADVENTUROUS AND EXCITING ONE MAN DXPEditions EVER. I'VE BEEN TRYING TO BRING THIS ON THE AIR SINCE 2011 AND SO I CAN'T WAIT TO GET ON THE AIR*'.

**OC-216 Ashmore Reef** Craig, VK5CE will activate this island early November as VK5CE/9. The IOTA is claimed by just 3.2% (and will go lower after the annual listings are updated) and it is equal 5th in the world in the IOTA Most Wanted List. This is a one man operation using a tent and generator and the cost is over \$14,000. Full details are at <https://ashmoreereef.wordpress.com/>

<https://www.rsqbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC216>

**OC-226 Mwokil Isl** Mami, JP3AYQ is planning a trip to the rare IOTA's of V6. More to follow. <https://www.rsqbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc226>

**OC-233 Bruny Isl** Craig, VK5CE will be operating as call/7 between April 22 and April 23. The focus will be North America on 40m/20m during the day and early evening and then Europe on 40m/20m during the late night and early morning. There is a direct salt water short path to Europe and JA. <https://oc233.wordpress.com/>

<https://www.rsqbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC233>

**OC-235 Siargao Isl** Jacek, SP5APW will be QRV as DU9/call between May 9 and May 16. QSL via home call. <https://www.rsqbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC235>

## **Antarctic base stations**

**Bellinghausen station** Alex, UA1OJL will be QRV as RI1ANO between April 2017 and March 2018. Operation during his spare time on all bands using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via RN1ON, direct or bureau, OQRS Club Log.

**Dumont d'Urville Station update** Francois, F4HLT is active for one year at the Dumont d'Urville Station on Petrels Island (AN-017). In his spare time he will be QRV as FT3YL. His licence is valid until February 1, 2018. QSL via F6KPQ.

<https://f4hlt.wordpress.com/>

**Neumayer Station III** Daniel, DL1SU, works as an electronics engineer at the base. He uses the club call sign DP0GVN until February 2018. QSL cards for DP0GVN will be handled by DL5EBE, direct or via the bureau.

**Syowa research station** Yath, JG2MLI is operating as 8J1RL until January 2018. In addition, to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Japanese Antarctic Research Expeditions, Yath

will also use the call 8J60JARE. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using all modes. QSL via bureau and LoTW, for direct via JG2MLI.

## **Special call**

### **THE REMINDERS**

**5B, CYPRUS H2017PFO** is the special call until end 2017 to celebrate that Paphos (Cyprus) has the honour of being the European Capital of Culture for 2017 together with Aarhus (Denmark). QSL via Club Log OQRS or via 5B4AIE, direct preferred.

**9A, CROATIA 9A21RBM** is the special call by the Radio Club Libertas to commemorate Ronald H. Brown, the US Secretary of Commerce who was killed along with 34 others in a plane crash in 1996. Operation until April 15. QSL via 9A4J or 9A5AX.

**9H, MALTA** Special call **9H2017EU** celebrates the Maltese Presidency of the Council of the European Union. Activity until June. QSL via 9H1SP, direct only.

**9N, NEPAL** Satish, 9N1AA is operating as **9N1MD** during April. This to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mediterraneo DX Club. QSL via IZ1BVZ.

**DL, GERMANY DR60VKL** is the special call to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the DARC ARC Voelklingen. Activity during 2017. QSL via bureau.

**DL, GERMANY** Special calls **DR500MLE**, **DR1517LU**, **DR5LUTHER**, **DC500LS**, **DM5LUTHER** and **DL500ML** are QRV during 2017 to commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation initiated by Martin Luther.

**DL, GERMANY** Operators of the club station DL0VBG from the railway museum Vienenburg are active as **DR0HARZ** during 2017 to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the return of the narrow gauge Brocken Railway. QSL via DF7AA, direct or bureau.

**DL, GERMANY** Look for **DB20ENERGY** to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the German Company DB Energie. Operation until end 2017. QSL via bureau or via DM2DX direct.

**DL, GERMANY DR60SAL** is the special call to celebrate the reunification of Saarland with the Fed. Rep of Germany 60 years ago. Operation during 2017. QSL via bureau.

**DL, GERMANY** Operators of the ARC Wittenberg (DOK W29) will be operating as **DR1517LU** during 2017. This to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. QSL via bureau.

**DL, GERMANY** The DARC club Marsberg (DOK O53) is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary until June with the special call **DL0MHD**. QSL via bureau.

**EI, IRELAND** The following nine special event calls are drawing attention to Ireland's "Wild Atlantic Way" along the island's western coast during 2017.

**EI11WAW** - County Donegal

**EI22WAW** - County Leitrim

**EI33WAW** - County Sligo

**EI44WAW** - County Mayo

**EI55WAW** - County Galway

**EI66WAW** - County Clare

**EI77WAW** - County Limerick

**EI88WAW** - County Kerry

**EI99WAW** - County Cork

QSL via Club Log OQRS or via EI6AL direct.

**F, FRANCE** In France in April 1917, the Battle of Vimy Ridge "awakened a sense of national identity in Canadians" which has been described as "the moment when Canada leapt in spirit from colony to nation". Commemorating the centenary of Vimy Ridge, **TM100VIMY** is QRV until April 9. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via N7RO, bureau, Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

**HA, HUNGARY** Special call **HG14HST** is active to promote the 14th IARU High Speed Telegraphy World Championship that will be held in Esztergom, Hungary on September 8-12. QSL via HA2NA and LoTW. <http://www.hst2017.org/en/>

**HA, HUNGARY** The MTOSZ Gyor Varosi Radioklub is using the call **HG17EYOF** until August 31 to celebrate the European Youth Olympic Festival (a biennial multi-sport event for youth athletes from the 48 member countries of the association of European Olympic

Committees) which will be held in Gyor on 23-29 July. QSL direct only to MTTOSZ Gyor Varosi Radioklub, Gyor, Nagysandor Jozsef u. 27, 9027, Hungary.

**I, ITALY** Look for **IQ0PG** until April 30 for the ARI 90 years award. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW, bureau or direct. <https://www.qrz.com/db/iq0pg>

**I, ITALY** **II1TON** is the special call to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ARI Torino. Activity until June 30. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

**I, ITALY** Celebrating the 10th anniversary of Insubria Radio (IQ2IR), special call **IR2XIR** will be used during 2017. QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via 9A8MDC.

**JA, JAPAN** Special call **8J2016Y** is active until October 31. This to celebrate the Inuyama Festival, one of the 33 Japanese float festivals that in 2016 UNESCO inscribed to the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. QSL via the JARL bureau.

**LA, NORWAY** **LM10HAM** is the special call to mark the Norsk Hammeeting 2017. Activity until April 2. QSL via LA2G, direct or bureau, LoTW.

**LA, NORWAY** **LA1742K** is the special call to celebrate the 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the city Kristiansund. Operation until end 2017. QSL via LA6K, direct or bureau.

**LA, NORWAY** **LM80REX** and **LM80Q** are the special calls during 2017 to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of King Harald V and Queen Sonja. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW or via LA9VDA.

**LZ, BULGARY** Once again Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use these special calls throughout 2017 to honor as many different Bulgarian saints: **LZ303SA** (April), **LZ395SG** (May), **LZ121SBS** (June), **LZ284SKD** (July), **LZ55UPB** (August), **LZ100SK** (September), **LZ251MKP** (October), **LZ307MU** (November) and **LZ710SG** (December). QSL via bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2017" award can be found at <http://www.lz1kcp.com>.

**OH0, ALAND ISL** Ari, OH3KAV will be active in 'holiday style' as **OF0KA** between April 22 and April 26. The OF prefix celebrates Finland's 100 years of independence. He will operate CW, T65 and JT9 and possibly also on new 60m band. QSL via OH3KAV.

**OH, FINLAND** Taking part in the celebrations of Finland's 100th anniversary as an independent state, amateur radio clubs around the country will activate the special call **OF100FI/#** (where # is the number of the call area, from 0 to 9). Activity during 2017. QSL via bureau.

**OM, SLOVAK REP** **OM42KYSUCE** is active to mark the 42<sup>nd</sup> ARDF Kysuca Cup. Activity until end June. QSL via OM3CND, bureau or direct.

**OM, SLOVAK REP** Pavel, OM3CND will use **OM685RADOLA** to celebrate the 685<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the town Radol'a. Activity during 2017. QSL via OM3CND.

**ON, BELGIUM** Members of the Belgian Radio Club ONZ will be operating during 2017 as **OP17HC**. This to commemorate the First World War. QSL via ON7PP. <http://uba.be/en/latest/flash/uba-14-18-award>

**OZ, DENMARK** **OZ44C** marks Thor Heyerdahl's Kon-Tiki Expedition (LI2B/mm) 70 years ago. QRV until the end of 2017. QSL via 5P2BA, direct or bureau.

**OZ, DENMARK** Look for **OZ1AARHUS** to mark the City Aarhus being one of the two European Capitals of Culture in 2017.

**OZ, DENMARK** The Danish radio club Eksperimenterende Danske Radio-amatoere (EDR) will celebrate its 70th anniversary with the special event calls **5P90EDR**, **OV90EDR**, **OX90EDR**, **OZ90EDR**, **OZ7D** (only in JT-modes) during 2017. An award will also be available. QSL via OZ1ACB, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

**OZ, DENMARK** To celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Treaty of the Danish West Indies, special call **OZ100DVI** will be active during 2017. In 1917 the Dansk Vest-Indien were sold to the United States and renamed the US Virgin Islands. QSL via OZ1IVA, direct or bureau.

**S5, SLOVENIA** Look for **S557E** during 2017 to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Radio Club Cerkno (S50E). QSL confirmed automatically via bureau and LoTW, direct via S500.

**SP, POLAND** Zbigniew, SP2IU is celebrating his 60<sup>th</sup> year on the air with the special call **HF60IU**. Operation until May 15. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**UA, RUSSIA** The Radio Marathon "Moscow-870" is QRV end 2017. **R1611M** is active until March 31. Special calls for April are **R1147M** (April 1-10), **R1605M** (April 11-20) and **R8700** (April 21-30). Detailed information on the event and the award programme can be found at <http://www.moscow870.com>

**UA2, KALININGRAD R1336FO** and **R680FBO** are operating until April 20 to celebrate the 680<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the city of Chernyakhovsk. QSL via R2FBO.

**UR, UKRAINE** The Druzhkivka Club is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary as **EN90IWA**. QRV until end 2017. QSL via bureau.

**VE, CANADA XO1X** is the call for the Yukon CanAm Contest Club. This to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation until 31 December. QSL direct to KC1CWF or via LoTW.

**VE, CANADA** Members of the Kings County ARC are active as **XM1150CAN**, this to mark the founding of Canada 150 years ago. Active until end 2017. QSL via bureau and LoTW.

**W, USA** The "KB7QPS Air, Space and Technology Operating Event "is commemorating man's historical milestones in air, space and technology over the last 400 years" by operating twelve callsigns (see below) during 2017. QSL direct to KB7QPS.

<http://airspacetechnology.webs.com/>

Callsign	SES Title	Event Dates
N6R	3 Generations of Mars Rovers	1/19/17 - 1/23/17
W7J	Discovery of Jupiter's Moons	2/2/17 - 2/6/17
W7C	First Flight of the Concorde	3/2/17 - 3/6/17
N7S	First Space Shuttle Launch	4/13/17 - 4/17/17
N7T	Hubble Space Telescope	5/18/17 - 5/22/17
W7S	Discovery of Sunspots	6/8/17 - 6/12/17
N7M	Man Walking on the Moon	7/20/17 - 7/24/17
K7I	Birth of the IBM-PC	8/10/17 - 8/14/17
W7F	First Flight of the F-22	9/7/17 - 9/11/17
K7S	Sputnik Launch	9/28/17 - 10/2/17
K7E	Invention of the Electron Tube	11/9/17 - 11/13/17
W7D	Dreamliner First Flight	12/14/17 - 12/18/17

**XE, MEXICO** Radio Club Queretaro (XE1RCQ) is active as **6E0C** until April 30 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Constitution of Mexico, drafted in Santiago de Queretaro by the Constitutional Congress and promulgated on 5 February 1917. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via XE1EE direct or bureau.

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